

In the Specification:

Please amend the Specification as follows in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121:

Please replace the paragraph on page 8, lines 8-16, with the following:

The method of preparing recombinant EMAP II as described herein involves, first, preparing a cell lysate comprising or containing recombinant EMAP II. The recombinant EMAP II may include a His-Tag (that is, a polyhistidine segment consisting of at least 6 histidine residues, which may be coupled to the N-terminus of the EMAP II in accordance with known techniques. ~~See, e.g., B. Campbell,~~
~~<http://www.bio.mtu.edu/campbell/purifica.htm> (1997) (titled “Purification Tricks for Recombinant Proteins”).~~ In a preferred embodiment, EMAP II is placed in a PET 28 vector that adds the 6xHis-tag to the EMAP II protein. Materials may be purchased as the QIAexpressionist™ system available from Qiagen.